

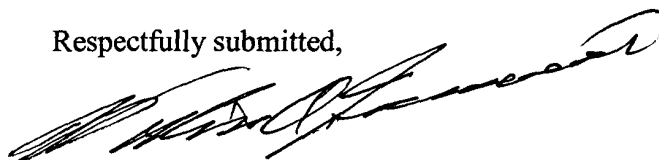
## REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the Specification has been amended to identify this application as a divisional application of Parent Application Serial Number 09/658,069. In addition, the Specification has been amended at pages 7 and 9 in a manner consistent with amendments made in the Parent Application by the amendment of July 18, 2001 in the Parent Application.

The claims have been amended to cancel original claims 1 to 13, and present claims new 14 – 31 directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims of groups II and III which were withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the restriction requirement in the Parent Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 12-1781 for any fee that may be due in connection with this communication.

Respectfully submitted,



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